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1. PRES. DEFENDS US ROLE IN VN IN COMMENTS MADE AT CEREMONY DESIGNATING MAY 29 AS VN VETS DAY. KILPATRICK (WP) QUOTES PRES. THAT SVN AND CAMBODIA WOULD NOW BE COMMUNIST BUT FOR US SACRIFICES, AND 250 MILLION OTHERS IN SEA NOW HAVE CHANCE TO REMAIN FREE. IN ENDORSEMENT OF "DOMINO THEORY," PRES. SAID MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE AND THAILAND WOULD BE IN "MUCH GREATER" DANGER OF
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AGGRESSION EXCEPT FOR US ACTION, AND THAT NEGOTIATIONS

WITH CHINA AND USSR WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE "HAD NOT THE US PROVED THAT IT WAS DEPENDABLE ALLY" AND ALSO DEMONSTRATED IN VN THAT "IT WOULD NOT JOIN AN ENEMY TO OVERTHROW AN A Y." PRES. ALSO SAID THAT IN FUTURE, UNDER NIXON DOCTRINE, US WILL NOT FURNISH TROOPS BUT WILL PROVIDE ECON AND MIL SUPPLIES "TO NATIONS DEFENDING THEIR FREEDOM". HEALY (NYDN) QUOTES PRES. THAT VN WAR "MISUNDERSTOOD" BUT PROVED THAT US WILL NOT BE "PUSHED OVER WHEN FACED WITH COMMUNIST AGGRESSION," AND WAY WAR ENDED HAD SIGNIFICANCE IN FOREIGN POLICY DEVELOPMENTS OVER PAST TWO YEARS.

2. AMERICAN SECURITY COUNCIL GROUP, INCLUDING FORMER AMBASSADOR DURBROW, DEFENDS GVN IN REPORT FOLLOWING 10-DAY VISIT. REPORT DENIES THERE ARE 200,000 POLITICAL PRISONERS, QUOTES US EMBASSY SOURCES THAT ONLY 39,139 PRISONERS OF ALL TYPES WERE IN SVN JAILS AS OF AUGUST, WITH "NO EVIDENCE OF MALNUTRITION OR OTHER MALTREATMENT" OF VC PRISONERS AND "TIGER CAGES" NO LONGER IN USE. REPORT SEES NATION "EMERGING" IN SVN, WITH GVN ON THRESHOLD OF BEING ABLE "GO IT ALONE," BUT WARNS STRUGGLE MAY BE DECIDED IN US BY "OUTPOURING OF PROPAGANDA" AGAINST GVN (UPI, NYT 2/26).

3. GVN MILITARY SPOKESMAN SAYS DEADLOCK BROEN, AGREEMENT REACHED WITH VC TO RELEASE ALL REMAINING CIVILIAN AND MILITARY POWS BY MARCH 6 (WP, PHINQ).

4. FIELD REPORTS SAY GVN SENDS HUNDRED OF REINFORCEMENTS TO DELTA AFTER COMMUNISTS OVERRUN TWO BASES, INFLICT HEAVY LOSSES ON DEFENDERS (AP, NYT; PHINQ; CHITRIB; WP).

5. AT GENEVA, 118-NATION LAW-OF-WAR CONFERENCE, TO MODERNIZE 1949 CONVENTIONS, STALLS ON SIXTH DAY ON QUESTION OF VC PARTICIPATION, OPPOSED BY US AND SVN. US OFFICIALS SAY PARTICIPATION BY VC AND OTHER "LIBERATION MOVEMENTS" WOULD CREATE LEGAL PROBLEMS SINCE THEY ARE NOT GOVERNMENTS (UPI, NYDN).
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6. DRV PRESS STATEMENT SAYS FIRST CENSUS SINCE 1960 WILL BEGIN APRIL 1. RESULTS WILL BE USED IN ECON PLANNING, AS BASIS FOR GOVT. ADMIN., AND IN "REINFORCEMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE." PREVIOUS CENSUS COUNTED 16 MILLION; UNOFFICIAL ESTIMATES NOW PLACE POPULATION AT 22 MILLION (AFP, NYT 2/26).

7. MARKHAM (NYT 2/26) WHILE IN VC HAMLET IN BINH DINH SAW TRACES OF GIS WHO FOUGHT IN AREA IN VAIN. CHARRED HILL, FORMER STRONG-POINT THAT WAS LITTERED WITH RUSTY BEER CANS, CHILDREN USED GI SLANG. VC PROUD OF MANY "VICTORIES" OVER BEST US TROOPS, EXAGGERATED US KIA AND CHOPPERS DOWNED. ANGER AND BITTERNESS AGAINST US LURKED UNDER SURFACE COURTESY, ERUPTED OCCASIONALLY. OLD MAN TALKED OF C-F AGREEMENT IN WHAT SOUNDED LIKE "CANNED LECTURE." VC RUDIMENTARY MUD SCHOOL DESCRIBED, WITH LESSONS CELEBRATING EXPLOITS OF HEROIC VC, AND CHILDREN GIVING "APPROVED ANSWERS" TO SIMPLE POLITICAL QUESTIONS.

8. FANK COMMAND SAYS GKR TROOPS KILL 211 REBELS, CAPTURE 13 IN PAST DAY (WP). FIELD REPORTERS SAY

REBELS ATTACK THREE GKR POSITIONS FOUR AND ONE-HALF MILES SE OF PP, CAPTURE 114 FANK (CHITRIB).

9. SCHANBERG (NYT) FROM PP WRITES OF DWINDLING FRENCH POPULATION OF CAPITAL THAT FORMERLY FORMED EXCLUSIVE GROUP AND SNUBBED OUTSIDERS. ABOUT 500 NOW WELCOME COMPANY. ONE FRENCHMAN SEES EXODUS AS TURNING-POINT IN KHMER-FRENCH RELATIONSHIP, BELIEVES "COLONIAL LINKS" WEAKENING. SCHANBERG OPINES THAT KHMERS SEEM TO RECOGNIZE THAT ERA HAS ENDED, THOUGH STILL CARE MORE ABOUT FRENCH OPINIONS THAN THOSE OF OTHER WESTERNERS, AND ACCEPT DEPARTURE WITH RESIGNATION. LONG-TIME FRENCH RESIDENTS HURT MOST BY EXODUS SINCE THEY HAVE NO PLACE TO GO, OBJECT TO CLOSING OF FRENCH SCHOOLS, DESPISE YOUNGER FRENCH, MANY OF WHOM ARE TEACHERS, AS "INTERESTED IN NOTHING BUT MONEY". TEACHERS THINK THAT ATTITUDES OF "DIEHARDS" ARE BASICALLY COLONIALIST AND OUT-OF-TOUCH
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WITH TIMES.

CHINA

10. JOC'S STRAUSS, IN HK, REPORTS COMMERCIAL SOURCES THERE SAYING BECAUSE OF CURRENT ANTI-LIN-CONFUCIUS CAMPAIGN IN PRC, LARGE NUMBERS OF US BUSINESSMEN, INVITED TO CHINA IN NEAR FUTURE, HAVE BEEN BESIEGING DOS AND HK CONSULATE, ASKING WHETHER THEY SHOULD GO. CITES PERSISTING REPORTS OF SHOOTING IN WUHAN, AND CONTENTS IF ANY BUSINESSMEN ARE SERIOUSLY ACTING ON FEAR OF VIOLENCE AND CANCELLING POTENTIAL TRIPS, THIS COULD HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR SINO-US TRADE. CONSIDERS FEARS APPARENTLY GROUNDLESS AT MOMENT, BUT SAYS HK OBSERVERS CAUTION PRC VISITORS BE CAREFUL IN BEHAVIOR. THEY POINT

OUT PHOTOGRAPHY IS POTENTIAL SOURCE OF PROBLEMS AND ADVISE VISITORS SHOULD FOLLOW CLOSELY RECOMMENDATIONS OF OFFICIAL GUIDES. CANTON FAIR FELT CERTAIN TO GO ON AS SCHEDULED APRIL 15; CHINESE MAY BE RELUCTANT TO MEET FOREIGNERS ON PERSONAL LEVEL, BUT THIS UNLIKELY TO AFFECT BUSINESS MARKEDLY. STRAUSS CONTENTS "QUOTATIONS FROM CHAIRMAN MAO" IS "IN SOMETHING OF A DISGRACE (THE BOOK WAS EDITED BY LIN PIAO)."

11. ATALANTA CORP. HOPES TO BUY 300,000 POUNDS OF SEA-FOOD FROM PRC THIS YEAR AT ESTIMATED COST OF 500,000 DOLS, AND SEES PRC BECOMING US MAJOR PORK SUPPLIER. FIRM'S PRES. BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THIS MUST AWAIT ESTABLISHMENT OF TLOMATIC RELATIONS SO FDA CAN REGULARLY VIEW CHINESE PACKING PLANTS (JOC).

12. USSR ANNOUNCES SPECIAL DECORATIONS FOR TROOPS IN CHINESE BORDER AREAS, IN INDICATION, ACCORDING UPI MOSCOW, OF POSSIBLE NEW TROUBLES ALONG FRONTIER (WP, NYT). PHINQ ITEM REPORTS DOS TRYING FIGURE OUT SIGNIFICANCE OF SOVIET ANNOUNCEMENT. QUOTES ONE DIPLOMAT THAT "EITHER SOMETHING HAS HAPPENED OUT THERE," OR RUSSIANS "ARE ADVERTISING THEIR READINESS."

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13. CSM'S POND IN TOKYO REPORTS JAPANESE BUSINESS EXECS FACING HOSTILE QUESTIONING BEFORE DIET ON PROFITEERING. SAYS DIET MIGHT FINALLY PASS COMMERCIAL CODE, PENDING SINCE 1965, THAT WOULD PLACE STRICTER PUBLIC AUDITING REQUIREMENTS ON BUSINESS. IN ANOTHER REPORT, POND, IN TOKYO, SAYS JAPAN'S "SECOND OIL CRISIS" -- FILING OF ILLEGAL PRICE-FIXING CHARGES AND PRODUCTION RESTRICTIONS BY FAIR TRADE COMMISSION -- COULD SPELL MORE TROUBLE FOR COUNTRY'S OIL COMPANIES THAN DID FIRST ONE; STRESSES RARITY OF CASES (CSM).

14. JOC REPORTS JAPANESE DIPLOMATS IN SEA CAPITALS OVER PAST FEW WEEKS HAVE BEEN EXPLAINING TO VARIOUS GOVTS. JAPAN'S PROPOSED NEW FORMULA FOR EXTENDING AID. GOJ WANTS GOVTS. TO USE JAPAN'S AID FUNDS TO ESTABLISH JOINT VENTURES WITH PRIVATE JAPANESE COMPANIES IN THEIR OWN COUNTRIES -- AND, "NOT SURPRISINGLY," SEA GOVTS. "HAVE NOT JUMPED TO APPROVE" PROPOSED FORMULA.

15. NYT'S HALLORAN, IN TOKYO, CITES LABOR MINISTER'S ASSERTION MONDAY THAT JAPAN IS NO LONGER NATION OF

CHEAP LABOR, AND THAT US AND WE SHOULD RECOGNIZE THIS.

16. CHITRIB S KIRK, IN SAPPORO, FINDS JAPAN'S 50,000-MAN "NORTHERN ARMY," ASSIGNED TO DEFEND HOKKAIDO FROM "FOREIGN ATTACK," DEVOTING MUCH TIME TO BUILDING SNOW STATUES FOR YEARLY SAPPORO SNOW FESTIVAL. SAYS "MUCH-CRITICIZED" SDF BEGAN TASK FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS PURPOSES. SOVIET TROOPS BASED ON ISLANDS ONLY FIVE MILES AWAY, AND SOME 50 TIMES YEARLY JAPANESE WARPLANES SCRAMBLE IN RESPONSE TO REPORTS OF UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT FLYING OVER ISLAND. BUT WHILE "NO RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL HERE REALLY EXPECTS WAR WITH SOVIET," CONVERSATION ON OPIC INVARIABLY TURNS TO "NORTHERN ISLANDS" ISSUE.

17. PHINQ ITEM CONTENTS EMPEROR, "UNDER ADVICE FROM AIDES, IS DRAGGING HIS FEET" ON PROPOSED US VISIT. "HE WANTS TO SEE WHETHER PRES. NIXON IS GOING TO BE IMPEACHED."
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KOREA

,8. REUTER SEOUL REPORTS KIM IL-SUNG HAS APOLOGIZED TO PARK FOR NK COMMANDO ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT SIX YEARS AGO, ACCORDING ROK DEPUTY LEADER CHANG KEY-YOUNG AT NORTH-SOUTH TALKS.

MALAYSIA

19. GOM ANNOUNCES WIDE-RANGING REGULATIONS TO CONTROL FOREIGN TAKEOVERS, MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS OF MALAYSIAN COMPANIES AND BUSINESSES (JOC).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

20. NYT'S BUTTERFIELD IN HK REPORTS PROVINCIAL BROADCASTS, CLOSELY RESEMBLING STRIKINGLY MODERATE PEOPLE'S DAILY EDIT LAST WEEK, ADMONISHING CP OFFICIALS TO PLACE "STUDY" BEFORE ACTION AND AVOID FACTIONAL STRIFE IN IDEOLOGICAL CAMPAIGN NOW SWEEPING COUNTRY. USING MAOIST RHETORIC, ONE CANTON BROADCAST ADVISED "IT IS NECESSARY TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE TWO DIFFERENT KINDS OF CONTRADICTIONS, AND IN PARTICULAR TO HANDLE CORRECTLY THE CONTRADICTIONS AMONG THE PEOPLE." NOTING THAT IN CHINESE COMMUNIST TERMINOLOGY THERE ARE TWO KINDS OF CONTRADICTIONS, THOSE WITH ENEMIES WHICH ARE IRRECONCILABLE AND BITTER,

AND THOSE AMONG PEOPLE, WHICH CAN BE RESOLVED THROUGH PROPER TECHNIQUE, BUTTERFIELD SAYS SINCE BROADCAST STATED CURRENT PROBLEM IS ONLY "CONTRA-DICTION AMONG THE PEOPLE," IT PROVIDED CLUE THAT PARTY LEADERSHIP DID NOT MEAN TO TURN CAMPAIGN INTO FULL SCALE PURGE - AT LEAST FOR PRESENT. BROADCAST ALSO INSTRUCTED LOCAL PARTY OFFICIALS NOT TO NEGLECT SPRING PLANTING. BUTTERFIELD CITES ANALYSTS THEORIZING THAT WHOEVER IN CHARGE IN PEKING IS TRYING GUIDE MOVEMENT INTO MORE MODERATE DIRECTION AND AWAY FROM BOLD CRITICISM THAT MIGHT ENGULF PARTY OFFICIALS THEMSELVES. CONSIDERS IT RISKY TO DRAW FIRM CONCLUSIONS. UNCLASSIFIED

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SOME KEY AREAS, LIKE SHANGHAI, RADICAL BASE WITHIN PARTY, HAVE YET TO RESPOND TO LAST WEEK'S MODERATE EDITORIAL. MOREOVER, MASS MOVEMENTS IN PAST, LIKE GREAT LEAP FORWARD AND GPCR, HAVE OFTEN TAKEN SHARP TWISTS, ZIGZAGGING FROM ONE TARGET AND PHASE TO ANOTHER. CURRENT CAMPAIGN CAN BE EXPECTED TO TAKE SIMILAR TWISTS. NOTES THAT AFTER PROLONGED PERIOD OF MAKING FEW PUBLIC APPEARANCES, CHOU HAS SUDDENLY EMERGED AT CENTER STAGE, MEETING FEB. 25 WITH ALGERIAN PRES. AND WITH ZAMBIAN PRES. FEB. 24, WHEN HE TOOK UNUSAL STEP OF REFERRING TO CURRENT ATTACKS ON LIN PIAO AND CONFUCIUS. FACT THAT CHOU CHOSE TO IDENTIFY HIMSELF PERSONALLY WITH CAMPAIGN, AND IN FRONT OF FOREIGN AUDIENCE, TAKEN AS INDICATION HE WANTED TO SHOW HE HAD CAMPAIGN UNDER CONTROL.

21AP TOKYO (CSM) REPORTS RELEASE OF COLOR FILM, 'FIERY YEARS,' STORY OF CHINESE STEELMAKERS. RELEASE COINCIDES WITH MASSIVE VERBAL ATTACKS ON ANTONIONI DOCUMENTARY, WHICH CHINESE CHARGE WAS PLOT TO SHOW CHINESE IN WORST LIGHT, IGNORING ADVANCES MADE ECONOMICALLY.

"FIERY YEARS," ON OTHER HAND, GIVES "PROMINENCE TO

THE HEROIC IMAGE OF WORKERS, PEASANTS, AND SOLDIERS," ACCORDING NCNA. PRODUCED DURING GPCR, PLOT REVOLVES AROUND SOVIET EMBARGO OF SPECIAL STEEL NEEDED FOR CHINESE NAVY AND STRUGGLE WITHIN STEEL INDUSTRY TO TURN OUT CHINESE-MADE ALLOY. STEEL MILL'S DIRECTOR WANTS TO IMPORT STEEL AND DISCOURAGE WORKER EXPERIMENTS. MILL'S PARTY SECRETARY, JOINED BY WORKERS, REFUSES "SUBMIT TO DICTATION BY OTHERS AND PUT CHINA IN POSITION OF SERVILITY AND DEPENDENCE." NCNA ALSO SAYS IN PRODUCING FILM, "UNIFIED PARTY LEADERSHIP GUIDED THE FILM WORKERS IN CRITICIZING OLD METHODS OF FILM PRODUCTION, WHICH MADE THE DIRECTOR AUTOCRATIC IN

REGARD TO ALL PHASES OF THE PRODUCTION."

22. NYT'S GELB (FEB. 26) REPORTS OFFICIAL AMERICAN CHINA WATCHERS, UNLIKE YEARS BEFORE HAK MADE DIRECT CONTACT WITH PEKING LEADERS, TRYING TO KEEP SECRET UNCLASSIFIED

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THEIR DEBATE ABOUT MEANING OF CURRENT TURBULENCE IN CHINA. GREAT RELUCTANCE NOW AMONG US GOVT. EXPERTS ON CHINA TO MAKE PUBLIC THEIR DIFFERENCES OVER WHAT IS HAPPENING; CONVERSATION AFTER CONVERSATION IS PUT "OFF THE RECORD." REASON GIVEN FOR INSISTING ON CONFIDENTIALITY WHEN DISCUSSING MATTERS OF SUBSTANCE IS CONCERN OVER JEOPARDIZING RELATIONS. OFFICIAL EXPLAINED, "CHINESE ARE VERY SENSITIVE ABOUT OUR SPECULATING PUBLICLY ON THEIR INTERNAL AFFAIRS"; ACCORDING ONE ACCOUNT, HAK GAVE SPECIALISTS SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS TO "SHUT UP." GELB SAYS DIFFERENCES LINKED TO BUREAUCRATIC FIGHT. CITES "OFFICIALS ON THE PERIPHERY OF THE SUBJECT" THAT USLO AND HK CONGEN HAVE QUARRELED OVER INTERPRETATION OF CHINA TURBULENCE - THAT FORMER TELLING WASHINGTON THERE SHOULD BE NO GREAT SENSE OF URGENCY OVER LATEST ROUND OF PUBLIC EXCORIATIONS, WHILE CONGEN EXPERTS SAYING MATTERS MORE SERIOUS. IN SIMPLIFIED FORM, USLO WAS SAYING UPHEAVALS WERE ANOTHER EXPRESSION OF MAO'S CONCEPT OF "PERMANENT REVOLUTION" -NEED TO STIR THINGS UP CONSTANTLY SO THAT OFFICEHOLDERS AND PEOPLE DO NOT GET SET IN THEIR WAYS. MAO AND CHOU, USLO MAINTAINED, ARE STAGING DRAMA IN PART TO REASSERT AUTHORITY OVER MILITARY AND CONTROL IT; USLO DID NOT EXPECT MUCH OF IMPACT ON RELATIONS WITH WASHINGTON OR CHANGE IN RELATIONS WITH MOSCOW. IN SIMILARLY SIMPLIFIED FORM, CONGEN WAS SAYING MAO MIGHT HAVE STARTED IT, BUT "SHANGHAI RADICALS MIGHT BE USING OPPORTUNITY TO STRIKE AT CHOU'S CONTROL OF PARTY AND MILITARY MIGHT BE USING IT TO BOLSTER THEIR AUTHORITY IN PROVINCES.

CONGEN EXPECTED NEGATIVE IMPACT ON RELATIONS WITH US. "WASHINGTON SOURCES' MAINTAINED THAT MOST INTELLIGENCE AND DOS EXPERTS SIDED WITH USLO IN WHAT WAS "MORE OR LESS" DEBATE. GELB SAYS DEBATE WAS RESTRAINED UNTIL SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, WHEN ARTICLES BEGAN APPEARING ON "NEW REVOLUTION." ACCORDING "SOME OF THE OFFICIAL SOURCES," THESE ARTICLES BORE CLOSE RESEMBLANCE TO INTERPRETATIONS OF HK SPECIALISTS. USLO, SOURCES CONTINUED, FELT THIS WAS "DIRTY POOL," ASSERTING CONGEN WAS TRYING MAKE INTERNAL DIFFERENCE INTO PUBLIC UNCLASSIFIED

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DISPUTE. "TWO OFFICIALS ON THE PERIPHERY OF CHINA AFFAIRS MAINTAIN USLO THEN SUCCEEDED IN GETTING WASHINGTON TO ORDER CONGEN PERSONNEL CEASE HAVING CONTACT WITH PRESS. "A THIRD OFFICIAL DENIES THIS." GELB SAYS US GOVT. DEBATE CONTINUES WHETHER CHOU WILL WREST NONMILITARY DUTIES BACK FROM REGIONAL COMMANDERS, AND WHETHER HUANG CHEN WILL RETURN TO PRCLO -- THIS REGARDED IMPORTANT SIGN WHETHER PEKING IS READY FOR FURTHER DIPLOMATIC DEALINGS. AND WHILE OFFICIALS WILLING TO DISCUSS MATTER SAY REASONS FOR BRUCE'S DEPARTURE WERE AS WH STATED, ONE OFFICIAL SAID "MAYBE" CHOU SUGGESTED TO AMB. "THAT THIS WOULD BE A GOOD TIME TO TRAVEL."

23. TAI SUNG AN, WASHINGTON COLLEGE PROF, EXPRESSES SKEPTICISM OVER PRC VERSION ABOUT LIN PIAO'S DEMISE IN PLANE CRASH (NYT). THINKS IT LIKELY LIN DIED IN SICKBED AROUND SEPT. 10, 1971. NOTES THAT ON EVENING OF SEPT. 10, CHOU SUDDENLY CANCELLED ALL APPOINTMENTS WITH FOREIGN DIPLOMATS AND GUESTS FROM SEPT. 11-16, AND VIRTUALLY ALL ACTIVE POLITBURO MEMBERS DISAPPEARED FOR FOUR DAYS, PROBABLY FOR IMPORTANT, HASTILY-CONVENED EMERGENCY SESSION IN PEKING. RECALLS THAT ACCORDING MONGOLIAN AND USSR AUTHORITIES, ALL BODIES FOUND AT PLANE CRASH SITE WERE BELIEVED OF PEOPLE IN MID-FORTIES, AND IN FEB. 1972, WU FAN-WU, EUROPEAN SECTION OF PRC FOMIN, REPORTEDLY TOLD VISITING FRENCH PARLIAMENTARY GROUP THAT LIN DID NOT DIE IN MONGOLIA. TAI SAYS MORE PLAUSIBLE EXPLANATION OF LIN AFFAIR IS THAT LIN COMMITTED CARDINAL SIN OF UPHOLDING MAO CULT IN THEORY AND SLIGHTING MAOISM AND MAO IN DEED. AMONG OTHER THINGS, LIN OPPOSED MAO'S NEW FOREIGN POLICY OF "RECONCILIATION" WITH US, SEEING IT AS CAMOUFLAGED THREAT TO MILITARY INFLUENCE IN PARTY AND STATE AFFAIRS. HE WAS JEALOUS AND FEARFUL OF CHOU'S GROWING INFLUENCE AND PRESTIGE IN CONNECTION WITH NEW FOREIGN POLICY.

24. CHUNG IN-SHIK OF KOREAN INFO OFFICE WRITES LETTER TO CSM EDITOR. MILDLY CRITICIZES RECENT CSM EDITORIAL ("SOUTH KOREAN CRACKDOWN") AND POND DISPATCH AS DEMONSTRATION OF
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TING TENDENCY OF FOREIGN OBSERVERS TO VIEW KOREAN AFFAIRS FROM THEIR OWN CONTEMPORARY PERSPECTIVE. SAYS SK IS STILL IN WARTIME CONDITION, NK PROCLAIMS

COMMITMENT TO "NATIONAL LIBERATION" AND REJECTS PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE PRINCIPLE AS APPLICABLE TO NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONS. AT SAME TIME, SK STRUGGLES TO FREE ITSELF FROM CHRONIC THREAT OF STARVATION AND COLD. SAYS IT IS IN THIS CONTEXT THAT ROK ASKS SYMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING FROM FRIENDS OVERSEAS. NOTES WHAT HE CONSIDERS RECENT TENDENCY TO PLAY UP POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF ANTI-GOVT ACTIVITIES OF SMALL NUMBER OF SK CHURCH LEADERS. CHRISTIANS ACCOUNT FOR, AT MOST, 9 OR 10 PERCENT OF POPULATION, CHUNG CLAIMS; EXPRESSES APPREHENSION OVER ANY KIND OF EMOTIONAL ENCOURAGEMENT WHICH MIGHT AGGRAVATE SERIOUS AND POTENTIALLY DISASTROUS SITUATION. ASSERTS THAT WHAT IS NEEDED IS "HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE," NOTING ROK IS ONLY 25 YEARS OLD AND WAS STRUCK BY DEVASTATING WAR WHEN LESS THAN TWO YEARS OLD. SAYS "FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING WILL HOPEFULLY RESULT IN A GREATER RELUCTANCE TO MAGNIFY THE EVILS AND BRUTALITIES OF OTHERS ON THE BASIS OF ONE-SIDED ACCUSATIONS."

25. SUN SAYS CONGRESSMEN WHO FORCED ADMIN HALT CAMBODIA BOMBING JUST OVER SIX MONTHS AGO HAVE NO CURRENT CAUSE TO RUE JUDGMENT. ADDS, AT PRESENT READING, WH FEARS EXPRESSED LAST SUMMER SOUND OVERBLOWN. PRES. AT THAT TIME, EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT BOMBING HALT ORDERED BY CONGRESS HAD "ELIMINATED AN IMPORTANT INCENTIVE FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT...WEAKENED THE SECURITY OF CAMBODIA'S NEIGHBORS...ERODED THE STRUCTURE OF PEACE IN INDOCHINA...(AND RAISED) DOUBTS IN THE MINDS OF BOTH FRIENDS AND ADVERSARIES CONCERNING THE RESOLVE AND CAPACITY" OF US. SUN CONCLUDES THAT LEGISLATORS WHO INSISTED END TO DIRECT US INVOLVEMENT WOULD LESSEN TOTAL VIOLENCE OF WAR AND PERHAPS ENCOURAGE EVENTUAL CAMBODIAN SOLUTION HAVE BEEN PROVEN CORRECT SO FAR. CASEY

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